

INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

Rapide Deluxe
carpet washer
MODEL V-026

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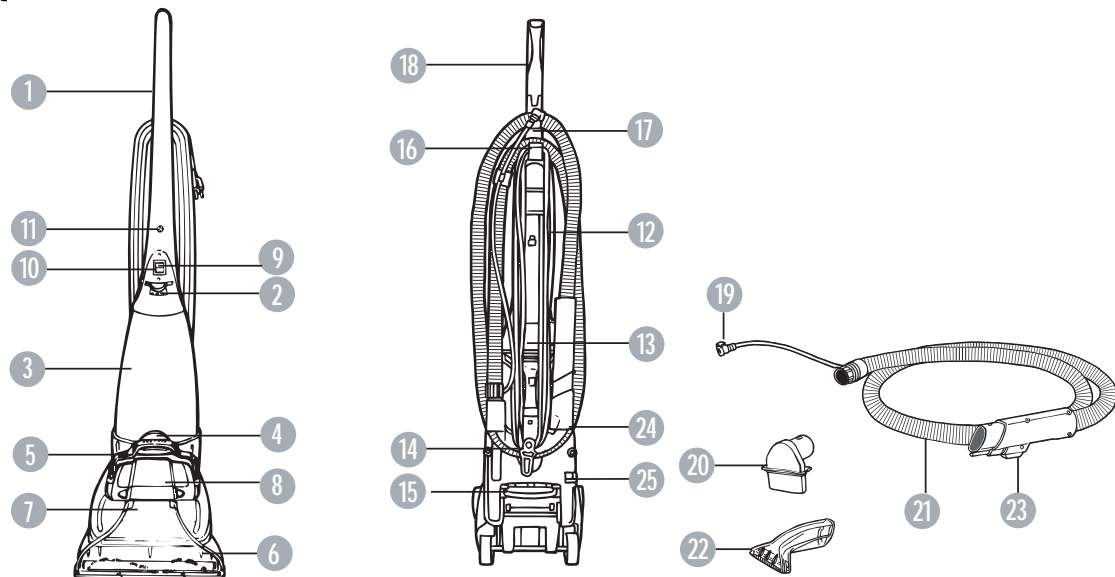


READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE USING YOUR VAX RAPIDE DELUXE CARPET WASHER

- This is not a dry vacuum cleaner. Carpets should be thoroughly vacuumed prior to washing with the VAX Rapide Deluxe.
- This carpet washer is intended for household use only.
- Do not leave the appliance when plugged in. Unplug it from socket when not in use.
- Do not use with a damaged cord or plug. It must be replaced by the manufacturer or its Service Agent or a similarly qualified person.
- To prevent electric shock do not use outdoors
- Not to be used as a toy. Close supervision is necessary when used by or near children or the infirm.
- Use only as described in this user guide.
- Do not pull or carry by the cord, use the cord as a handle, allow the cord to come into contact with hot or sharp surfaces or close a door on the cord.
- Do not unplug by pulling on the cord.
- Do not handle the plug or appliance with wet hands.
- Do not put any objects into openings or operate with openings blocked, keep them free of anything that may reduce airflow.
- Keep hair, loose clothing, fingers, and all parts of the body away from openings and moving parts.
- Do not vacuum any glowing, burning or smoking particles.
- Do not use without the solution reservoir and dirty water tank in place.
- Turn off all controls before unplugging.
- Do not use to pick up flammable or combustible liquids such as petrol, or use in areas where they may be present.
- Keep the carpet washer on the floor.
- Do not use an extension cord with this carpet washer.
- Do not attempt to remove blockages with sharp objects as they may cause damage.
- Store the carpet washer indoors. Put the carpet washer away after use to prevent tripping accidents.
- Using improper voltage may result in damage to the motor and possible injury to the user. The correct voltage is listed on the ratings plate.

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Parts Checklist



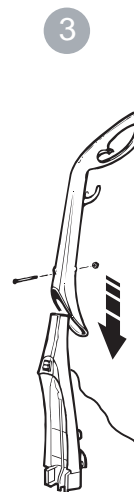
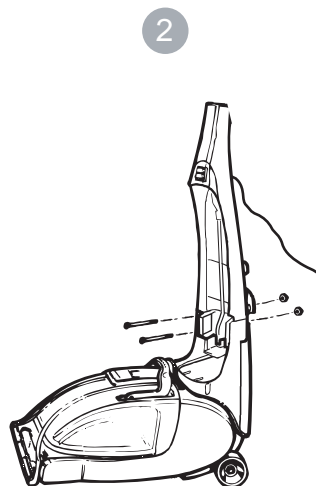
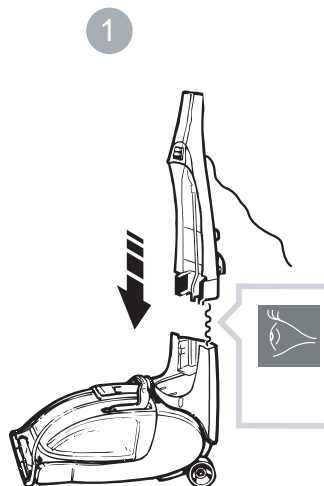
- 1 Handle
- 2 Clean solution reservoir latch
- 3 Clean solution reservoir
- 4 Dirty water tank latch
- 5 Dirty water tank handle
- 6 Rotating brush bar
- 7 Dirty water tank
- 8 Dirty water tank lid
- 9 Vacuum on/off switch

- 10 Brush bar on/off switch
- 11 Handle screw
- 12 Power cord
- 13 Carrying handle
- 14 Quick cord release
- 15 Handle release pedal
- 16 Cord hook
- 17 Cord clip
- 18 Solution release trigger

- 19 Upholstery water supply plug
- 20 Upholstery hose adaptor
- 21 Upholstery hose
- 22 Upholstery attachment
- 23 Upholstery trigger
- 24 Tool caddy /storage
- 25 Water supply socket

Putting your cleaner together

Phillips screwdriver required



Stand the base in the upright position. Assemble the mid section onto the base, taking care not to trap internal mains wire.

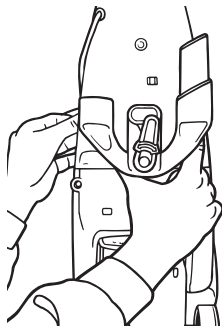
Insert the two nuts into the recesses located on the left and right sides of the base. While holding the nuts in place, insert the two medium length screws through the front of the mid section and tighten.

Slide upper handle down onto the unit. Insert nut into the recess in the back of the upper handle. While holding the nut in place, insert the long screw through the front of the upper handle and tighten. Run the mains wire above the upper cord hook and secure with the cord clip.

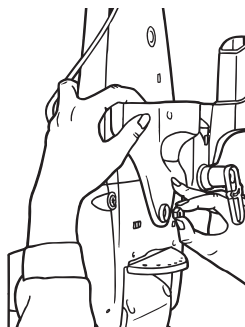
Tool caddy assembly

Phillips screwdriver required

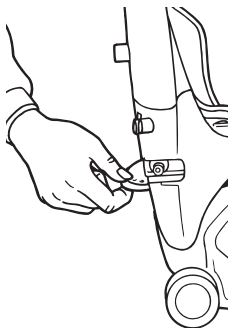
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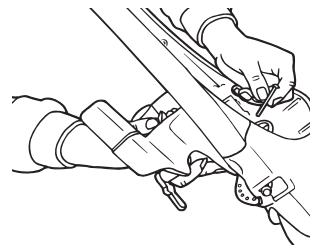
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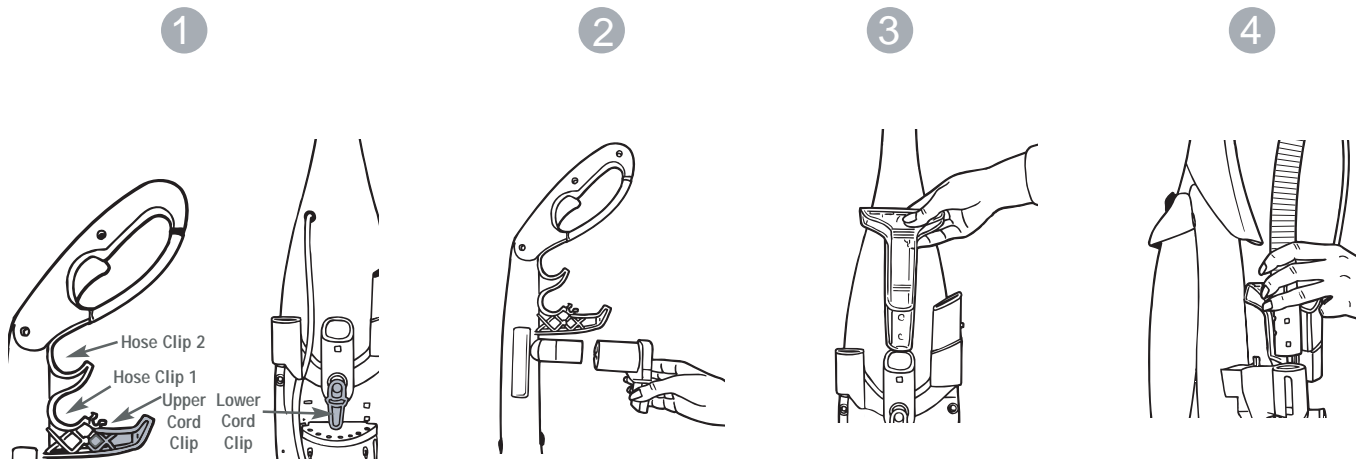


Align tabs on tool caddy with slots on midsection and snap into place.

Place nut into recess on tool caddy and hold into place (2). Press handle release with your other hand to tilt the midsection backwards (2a).

Place screw through centre of lower midsection and tighten.

Tool caddy use



Wrap the cord around the upper and lower cord clips.

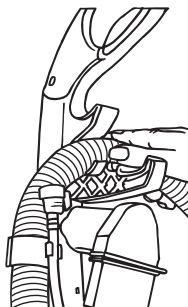
Detach the Upholstery hose adapter from the end of the hose and slide it onto the adapter post.

Slide the Upholstery tool into the middle slot of the lower tool caddy.

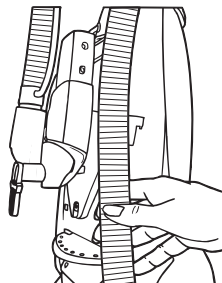
Slide the adapter end of the hose into the left slot on the lower tool caddy. Be sure to line up the pushpin with the slot and press down until secure in place.

Tool caddy use

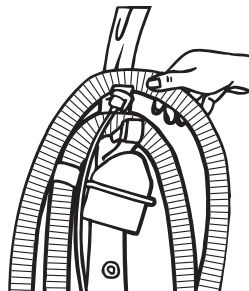
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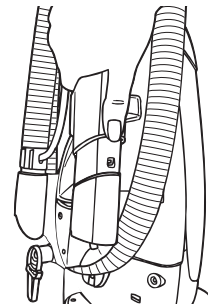
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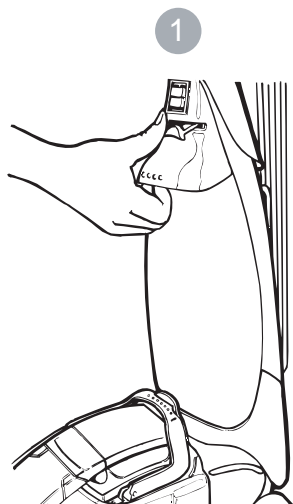
Run the hose to the upper caddy and press into hose clip #1 (See illustration 1, Page 6).

Continue wrapping the hose clockwise around the tool caddies, pressing the hose into the groove on the bottom of the lower tool caddy.

Run the hose back to the upper caddy and press into hose clip #2 (See illustration 1, Page 6).

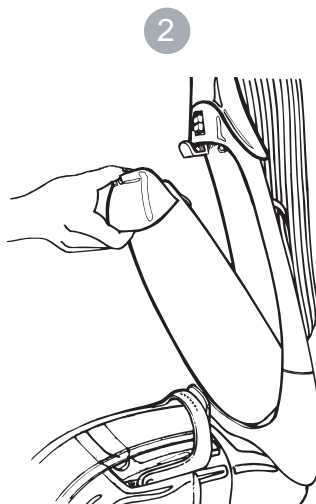
Lock the attachment end of the hose into place by pressing down onto the post located on the right side of the lower tool caddy, until secure in place.

How to operate your cleaner

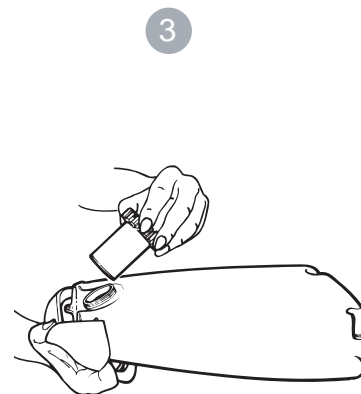


Important: Turn off when emptying and filling the reservoir.

Grasp the solution reservoir under the handle and press the release lever upward.



Tilt the solution reservoir away from the cleaner and remove.

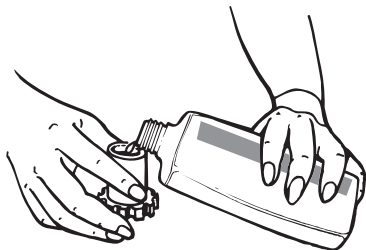


Unscrew the filler/measuring cap from the rear of the solution reservoir.

Note: Always use the filler/measuring cap from the reservoir to determine precise solution quantity.

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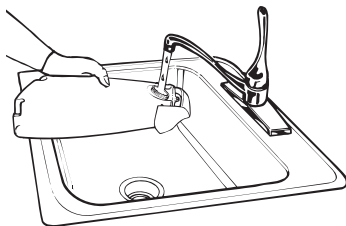
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Fill the measuring cap 3 times with VAX AAA carpet cleaning solution and pour into the reservoir.

Note: The cleaning solution supplied with your machine is VAX AAA Carpet Cleaner.
When replenishing this item, please use VAX Carpet Cleaner which is available in 1 litre bottles from your VAX stockist or any VAX branch office.

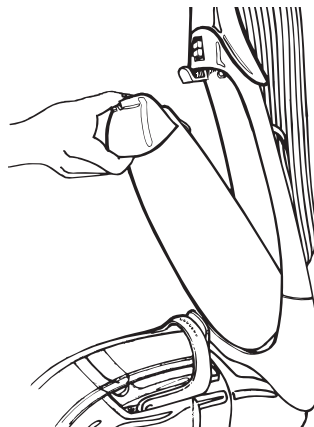
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Fill the remaining space in the solution reservoir with tap water. Replace the measuring cap.

Note: use only VAX AAA cleaning solution or VAX Carpet Cleaner. Using other cleaning solutions may result in excessive foaming. This may cause the float to shut off the cleaner prematurely.
Using other cleaners will void your warranty.

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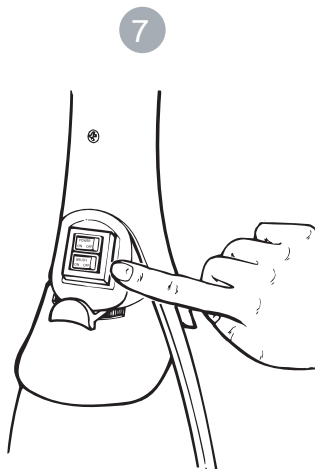


Place the bottom of the solution reservoir into the cleaner and push into place. There will be an audible click when the reservoir is in the correct position.

How to operate your cleaner

Important: Never leave the cleaner unattended with the power on.

Vacuum carpets thoroughly with dry vacuum cleaner before washing.



Plug the cord into a mains electricity socket. Turn the power and brush bar switches on.

The switches are located on the front of the cleaner, above the solution reservoir.

The power switch controls the vacuum motor and pump. The brush switch only turns the rotating brush bar on and off when the power switch is on.

Press on the handle release pedal and pull the cleaner back into a reclined position.

While pressing the solution release trigger, pull the cleaner in a backward motion. Release the trigger and push forward over the same path to remove the dirty water and solution from the carpet. Repeat if necessary. For best results use a smooth steady action - keeping the nozzle flat against the carpet. When the dirty water reaches the max fill line on the dirty water tank, empty the tank.

Upholstery Cleaning

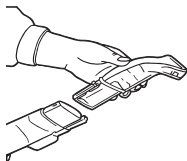
NOTE: DO NOT OVERSATURATE THE UPHOLSTERY

IMPORTANT: FOR BEST CLEANING RESULTS USE STEADY, MODERATE, BACKWARD AND FORWARD MOTION.

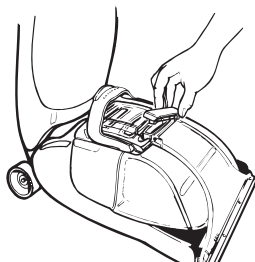
Make sure upholstery is dry before use.

NOTE: If the hose attachment door is not replaced, there will be no suction through the nozzle and the unit will not operate properly.

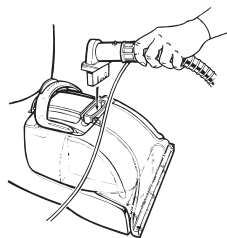
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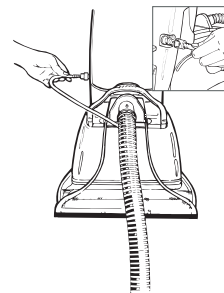
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Put cleaner in its upright position. Remove tools from storage caddy. Assemble as shown. Connect the upholstery attachment to the trigger adapter.

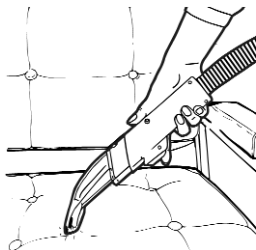
REMOVE THE TANK DOOR from the top of the dirty water tank.

Insert the hose adapter into the top of the dirty water tank.

Connect the hose water supply plug into the socket on the lower left side of the cleaner.

Using the hose attachment

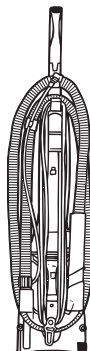
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Turn power switch on and brush switch off. While depressing the solution spray trigger, pull attachment in backward motion. Release trigger and push attachment forward over the same path to remove dirty water and solution from upholstery. (For heavily soiled areas, repeat if necessary).

Storing tools

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Place hose and upholstery attachments into their storing locations (page 7). Store for next use.

Carry handle

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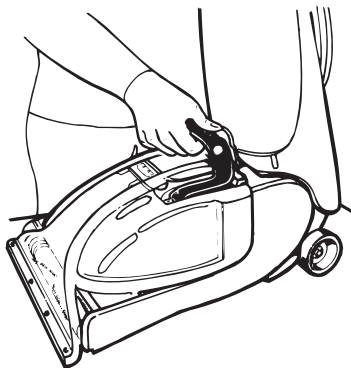
Grasp the handle on the back of the unit to move unit from room to room.
NOTE: DO NOT TRANSPORT THE CARPET WASHER WITH EITHER THE SOLUTION RESERVOIR OR DIRTY WATER TANK FULL.

IMPORTANT: The float in your Rapide is the blue piece in the dirty water tank lid. It will shut off the suction when the dirty water tank is full. However, the float may rise prematurely cutting off the suction before the dirty water tank is full under the following conditions -

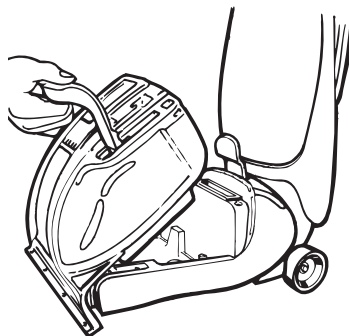
1. Using a jerky, uneven motion while washing.
2. Tipping the cleaner and breaking the seal between the carpet and the nozzle on the machine.

Emptying the dirty water tank Once the float is activated, empty the dirty water tank. If the tank doesn't appear full turn off the power switch and wait for the float to settle.

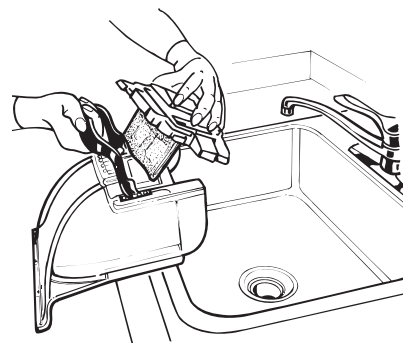
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You will hear a distinct change in the noise coming from your cleaner when the tank is full and needs emptying.

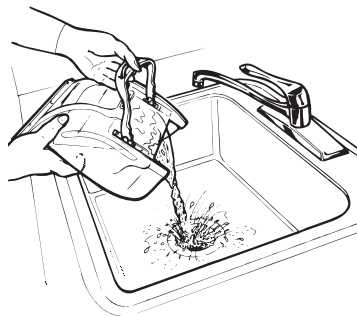
Important: Unplug your cleaner before emptying the dirty water tank. Grasp the top of the dirty water tank handle and press the release latch.

Grasp the handle and pull up out of the base. Take care to ensure that dirty water does not leak from the front.

Remove dirty water tank lid.

Emptying the dirt water tank

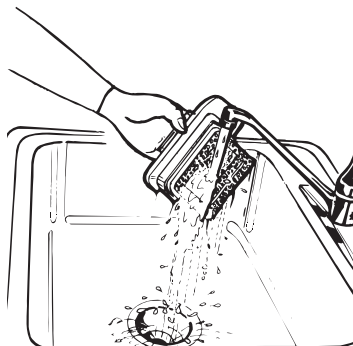
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To empty the water tank grasp the handle with one hand and the nozzle with the other and empty into the sink.

Cleaning the dirty water tank

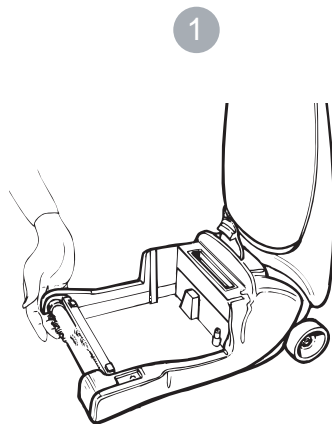
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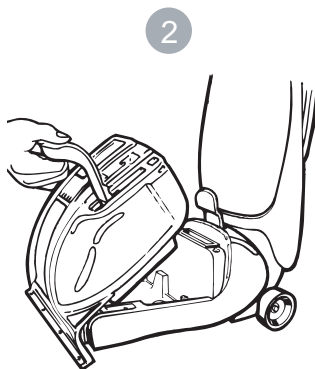
Rinse the dirty water tank and filter thoroughly with warm water. You should allow them to dry fully before replacing them on your cleaner to prevent mildew.

Do not use any chemicals in the cleaning process.

Replacing the dirt water tank



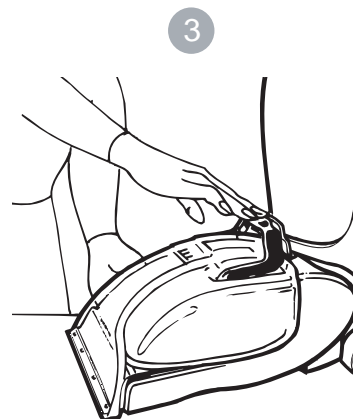
Lift the front of the carpet cleaner base off the carpet with one hand.



Grasp the handle and hook the front of the dirty water tank into the base, making sure that the front of the dirty water tank is resting on the base.

The dirty water tank has three tabs on the underside which **MUST** latch on to the underside of the base of the cleaner. The base must be lifted so that the nozzle is flush with the base of the cleaner.

Failure to install the dirty water tank correctly will result in poor dirty water pick up.



While making sure the dirty water tank is resting on the base, place the rear of the tank into the base of the cleaner, push down on the handle until it latches.

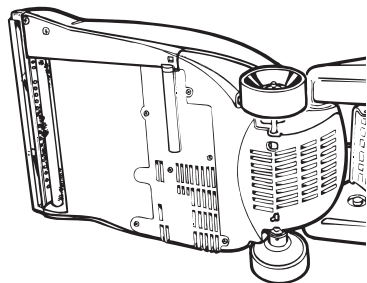
Empty and rinse clean the water tank after use.

Belt or brush removal and replacement

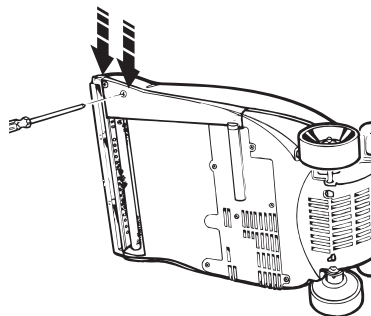
Phillips screwdriver required

The plug must be removed from socket outlet before cleaning or maintaining the appliance.

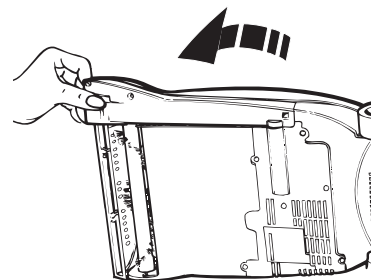
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Switch off the mains power and unplug carpet washer. Remove the water tank.

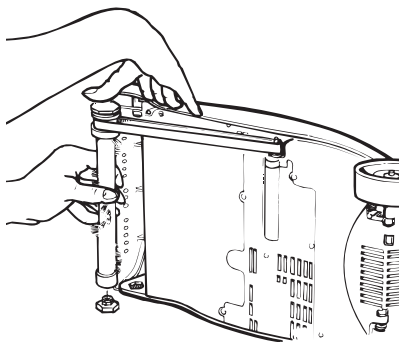
Flip the cleaner on it's side to expose the nozzle base.

To remove the belt cover, use a phillips screwdriver to remove the two screws.

Grasp the belt cover near the belt roll and lift out.

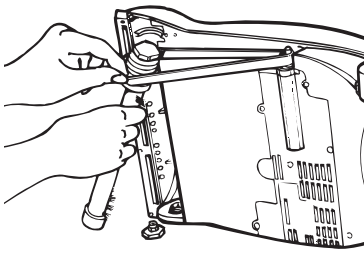
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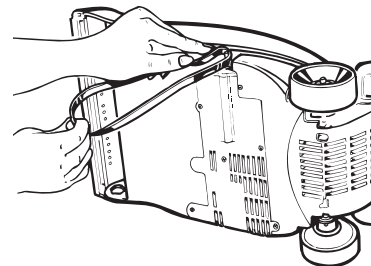
Grasp brush roll with one hand, using the other hand to keep tension on the the belt while removing.

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Lift up while your pulling it out.

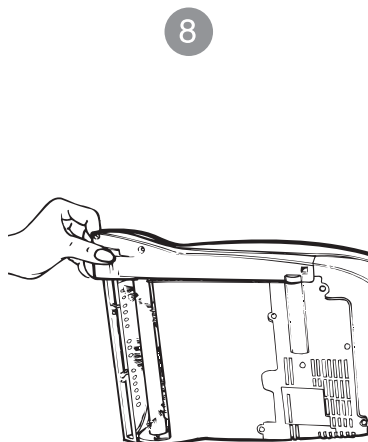
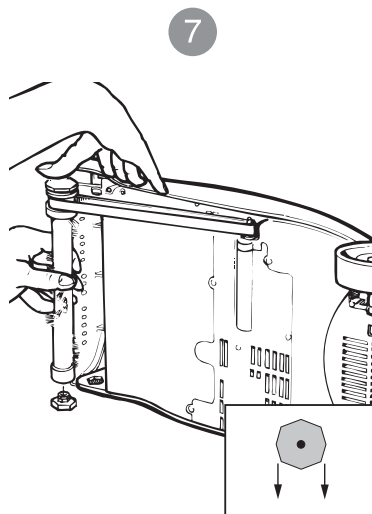
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Slide the belt off the the motor shaft and dispose.

Belt or brush removal and replacement

Phillips screwdriver required



When replacing the belt, first slide it onto the motor shaft. Then slip the brush roll through the belt. Place the belt in the area of the brush without bristles. Slide the brush roll into the nozzle, ensuring that the brush roll end caps are orientated correctly, see inset picture. Manually turn the brush roll to check that it is fitted properly.

Replace the belt cover by inserting the end furthest from the brush first. Then replace the front of the belt cover before securing in place with the two screws.

Troubleshooting

Problem	Possible Cause	Possible Solution
Cleaner won't run	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Power cord not firmly pushed into a mains socket.• Blown house fuse or tripped circuit breaker.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Plug cord in firmly.• Check fuse/breaker. Replace fuse or reset breaker.
Vacuum won't pick up/ loss of suction	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dirty water tank is not installed correctly.• Dirty water tank is full.• Broken or worn belt.• Brush roll is worn.• Nozzle/dirt passage is clogged.• Float prematurely activated.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Refer to page 15 for fitting information.• See 'Emptying the dirty water tank'.• Replace the belt.• Replace the brush roll.• Remove obstruction.• Refer "Important" notes on page 13.
Dust escaping from the Vacuum	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dirty water tank is full.• Dirty water tank is not installed properly.• Solution reservoir not installed correctly.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Empty dirty water tank.• Refer to page 15 for fitting information.• See 'How to operate your cleaner'.
Cleaner won't dispense solution	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Solution reservoir not installed correctly.• Solution tank empty.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• See 'How to operate your cleaner'.• Fill tank see pages 8 and 9.

VAX WARRANTY

Please register your warranty. Send in your completed Warranty Card.

If you require any further assistance or advice about your VAX please call VAXCARE on **1300 36 4040** (cost of a local call within Australia)



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